

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated November 2, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 13-18 are submitted for reconsideration.

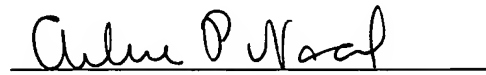
Claims 13-18 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,408,349. Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). As discussed in MPEP §1490, a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer may be used to overcome a non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection is rendered moot.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the present claims be withdrawn. Further, Applicants submit that all of claims 13-18 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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